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Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the final Office Action dated 26 November, 2001 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before 26 February, 2002. A Petition for a 1-Month Extension of Time is submitted herewith, making this amendment due on or before March 26, 2002. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Applicants submit that the amendments set forth below raise no new issues. Rather, the amendments place the claims in form for allowance or in better form for appeal. Entry of these amendments is thus respectfully requested.

In view of the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

## I. AMENDMENTS

### IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 16 without prejudice to renewal and amend claims 1, 5 and 15 as follows:

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1. (twice amended) A method of activating an oocyte *in vitro*, the method comprising:  
contacting said oocyte with nitric oxide (NO), an NO donor, nitric oxide synthase (NOS), or inducer of NOS; and,  
maintaining said oocyte until the oocyte has undergone at least one cell division,